

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed on October 11, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 11 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0028206 to Cameron et al.; rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cameron et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,592; rejected claims 12 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cameron et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,745,767 to Rosen and rejected claims 13 and 29-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cameron et al. and Rosen et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,185,590 to Klein.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8 and cancelled claims 18-34. No new matter has been added.

Amended claim 1 recites the downstream service using a packet identifier. Cameron et al. do not teach or suggest this feature. Instead, based on the Examiner's arguments presented in the Final Rejection, Cameron et al. apparently teach a video service that distributes video to a plurality of customers. Multicast addresses are used to distribute this video. See paragraph [0036]. Nowhere in Cameron et al. are packet identifiers used to transmit content to consumers.

Applicant's use of a combination of PIDs and multicast addresses within the PIDs allows for a two tier distribution system and a sharing of PIDs. Thus, multiple files can be distributed using fewer PIDs than in a system that uses only PIDs to distribute files.

Claims not specifically mentioned above are allowable due to their dependence on an allowed base claim.

CONCLUSION

No fees beyond those fees for the Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time and the fees for a Request for Continued Examination are due for this Amendment. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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